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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES

Subject: NSC Consideration of "Armaments and American Policy"

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1. [REDACTED] stated today that this item was put on the agenda to insure that all members of the Council would read the paper. No action is called for, although the President will deliver some oral comments on the paper. Apparently the President did not agree with all of the conclusions.

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2. When this paper was before the Senior Staff, I informed [REDACTED] that the estimates at pages II-3 and II-4-5 were unduly pessimistic, since they gave the extreme limit of Soviet capabilities and used the term "a few years" in contexts in which it could not mean less than five years. I also stated that you had so advised the committee. I understand that [REDACTED] so advised the President.

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